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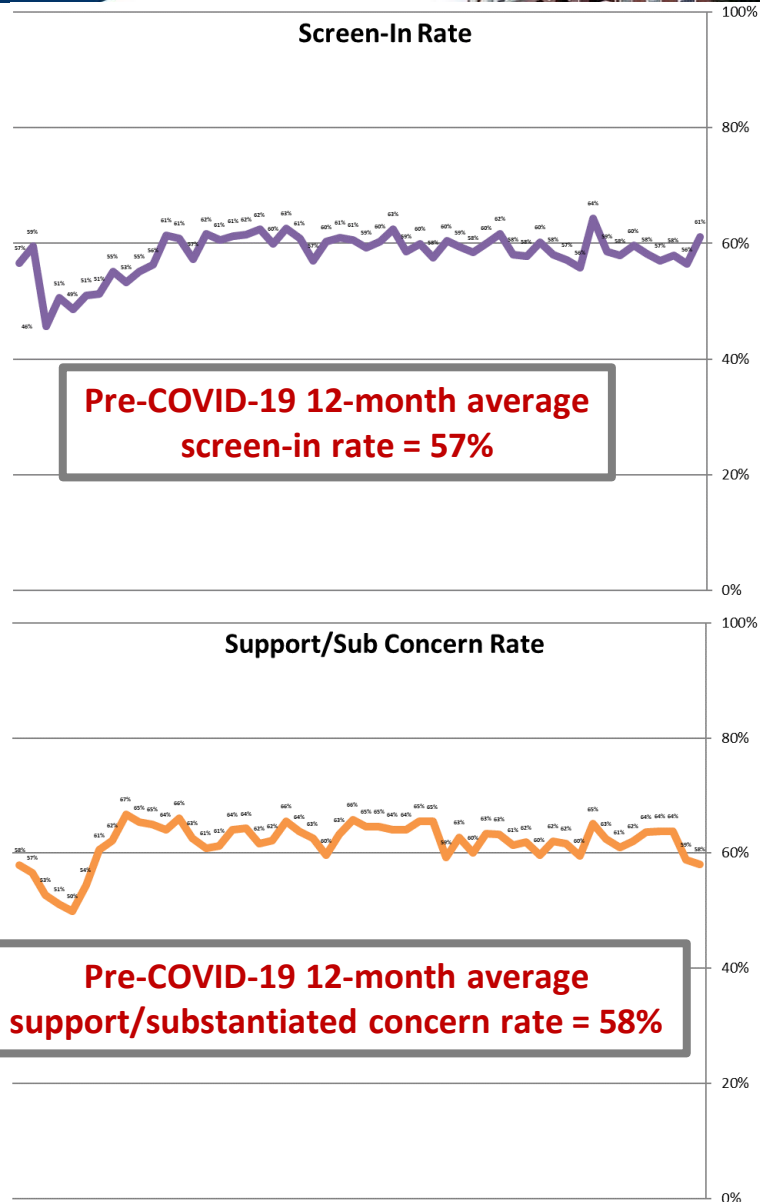
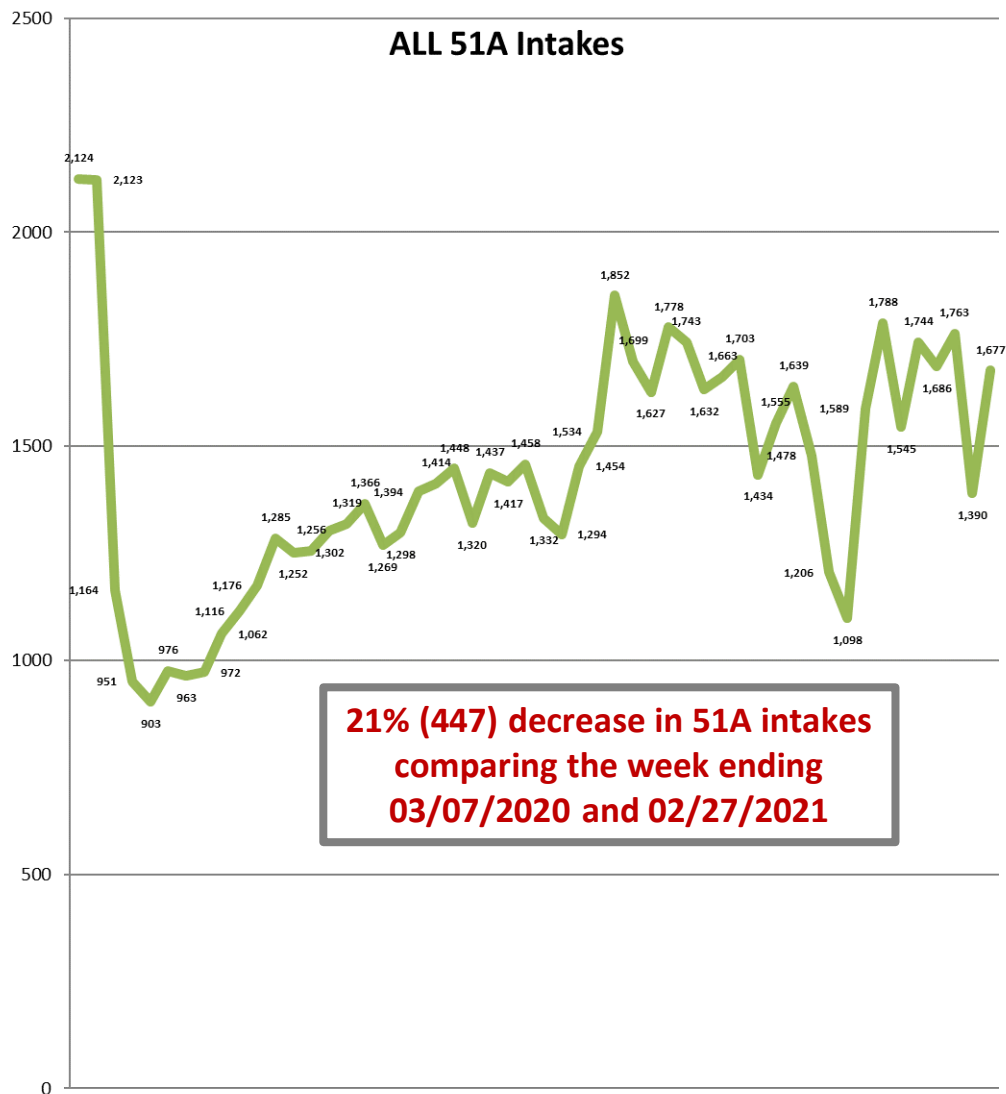
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51A Intakes Pre vs Post COVID-19

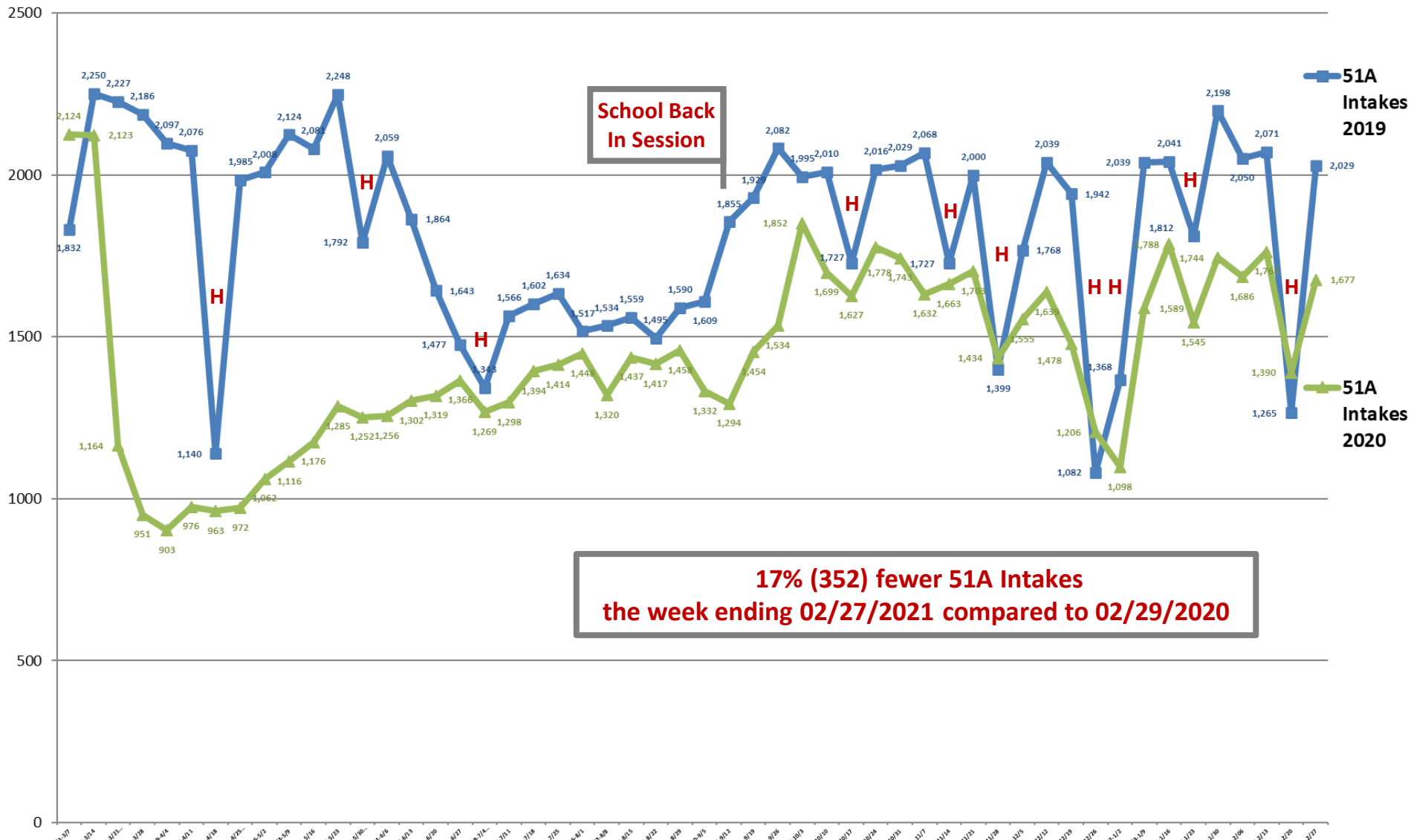
03/01/2020 to 02/27/2021 (50 weeks)





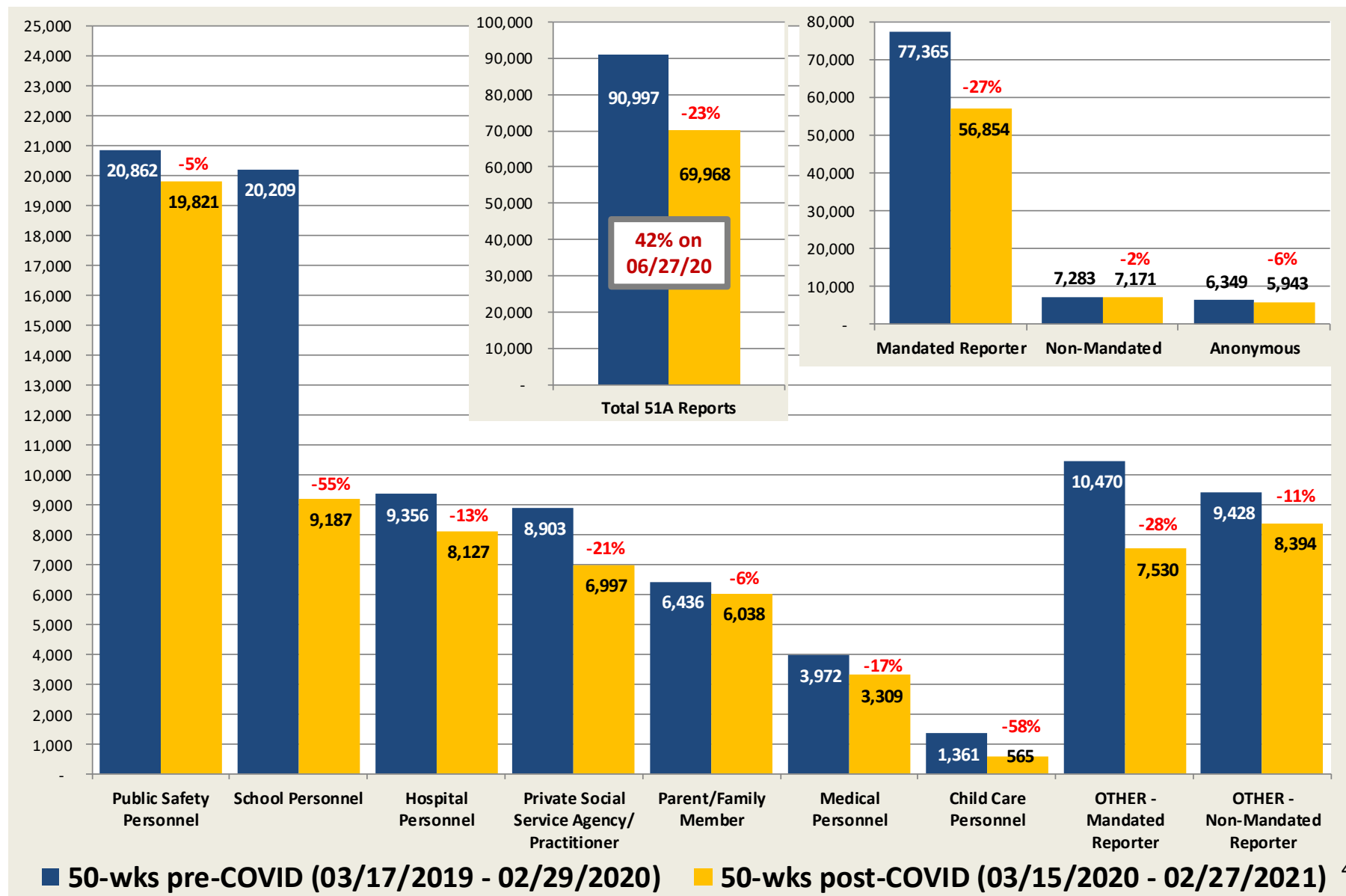
51A Intakes Pre vs Post COVID-19

03/01/2020 to 02/27/2021 (50 weeks)





51As have decreased by 23%, especially from mandated reporters



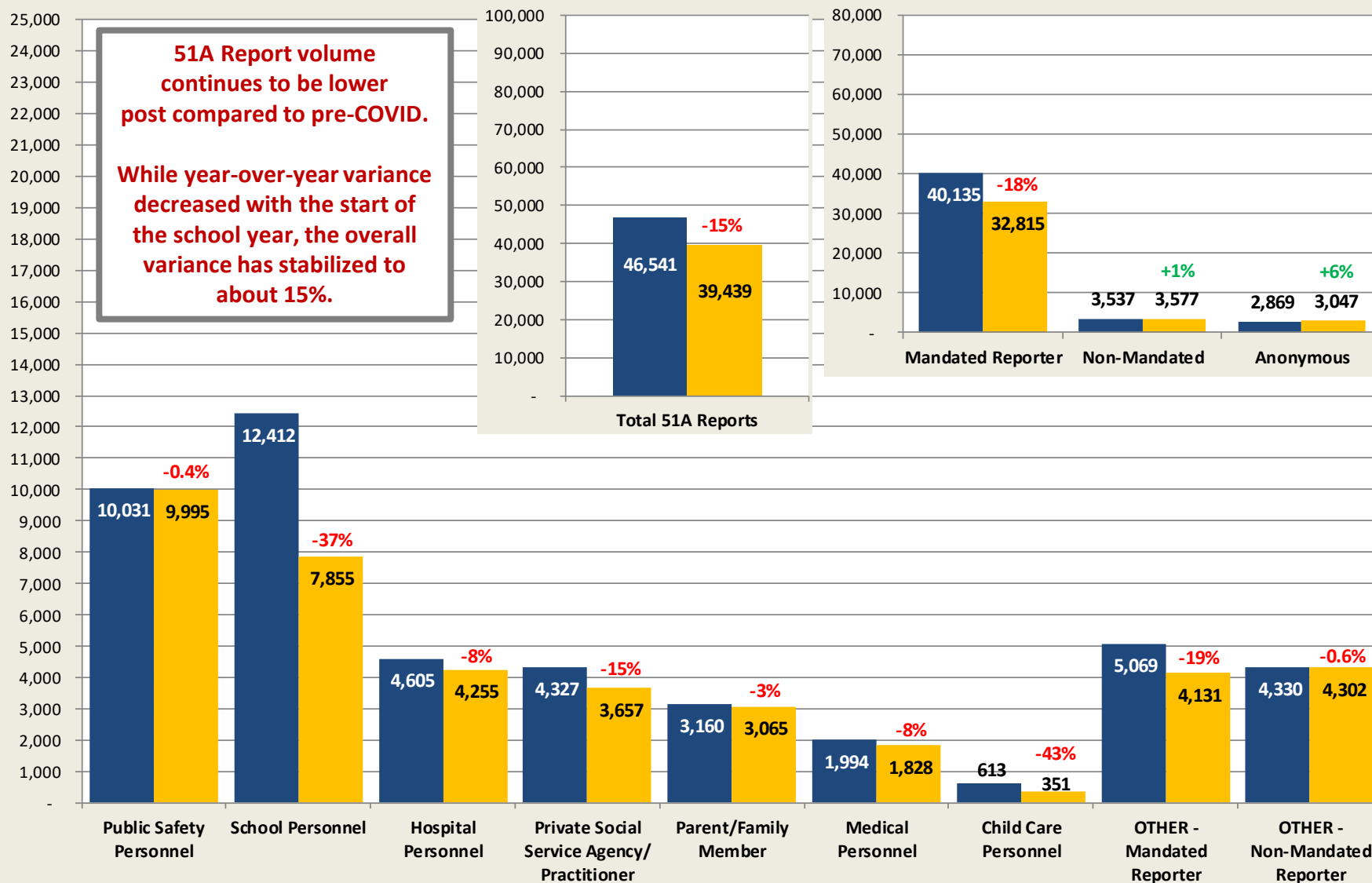


51As have decreased by 15% during the 2020-21 School Year



51A Report volume continues to be lower post compared to pre-COVID.

While year-over-year variance decreased with the start of the school year, the overall variance has stabilized to about 15%.



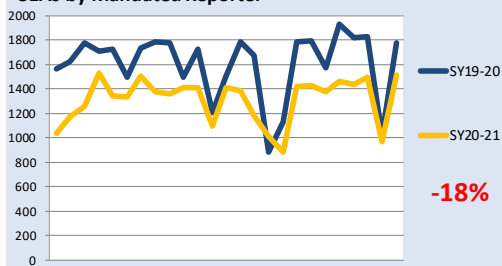
■ 25-wks pre-COVID (09/08/2019 - 02/29/2020) ■ 25-wks post-COVID (09/06/2020 - 02/27/2021)



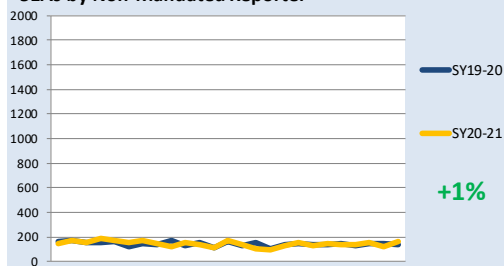
51As by Reporter Type and Source - 2020-21 School Year compared to 2019-20 (25-weeks)



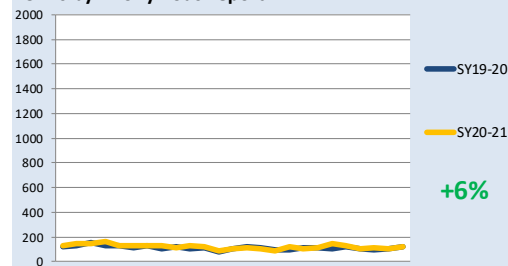
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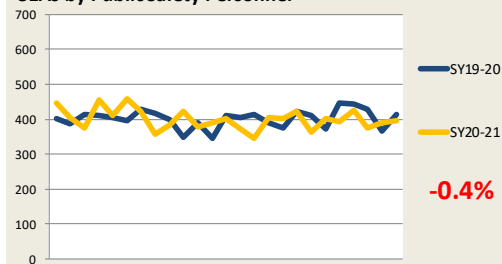
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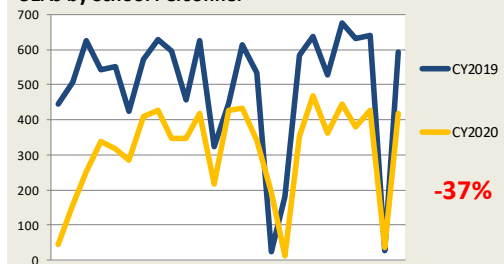
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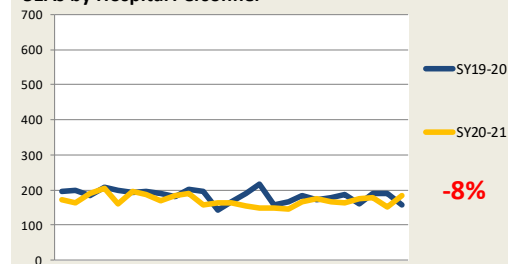
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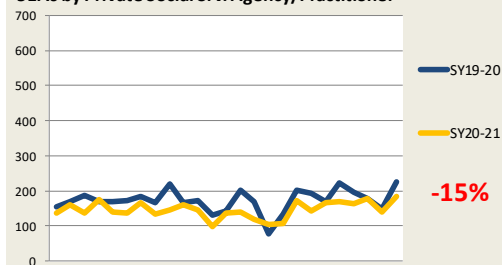
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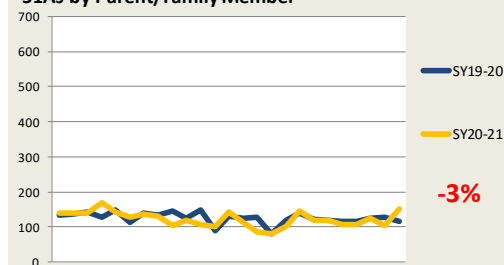
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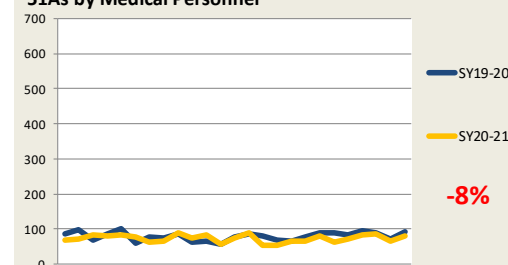
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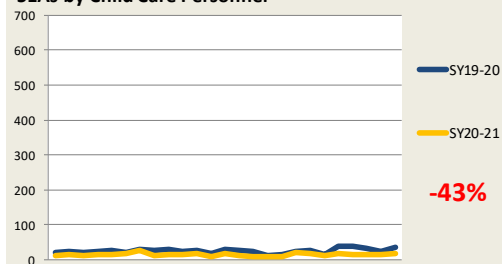
51As by Parent/Family Member



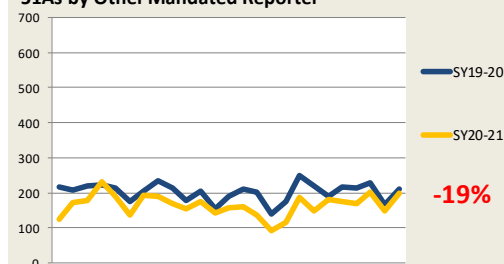
51As by Medical Personnel



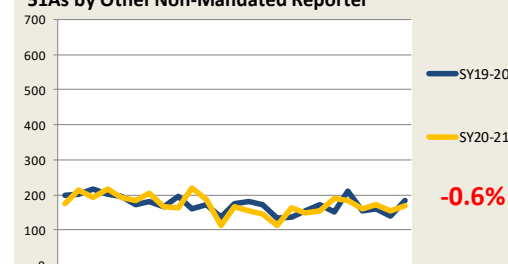
51As by Child Care Personnel



51As by Other Mandated Reporter



51As by Other Non-Mandated Reporter



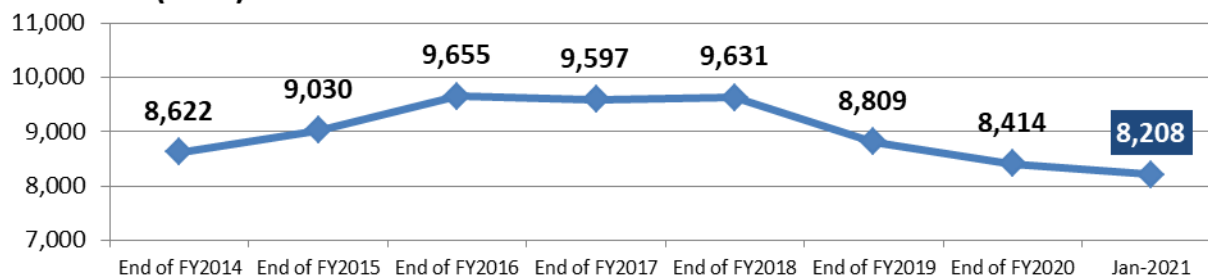


Children (0-17) in DCF Placement

All Placement Types



Children (0-17) in Placement



- The number of children in DCF placement at fiscal year-end decreased by 9% (-822) from FY18-19, and by 4% (-395) from FY19-20.
- As of 1/31/2021, the placement count is 2.4% (-206) less than the count at the end of FY20.

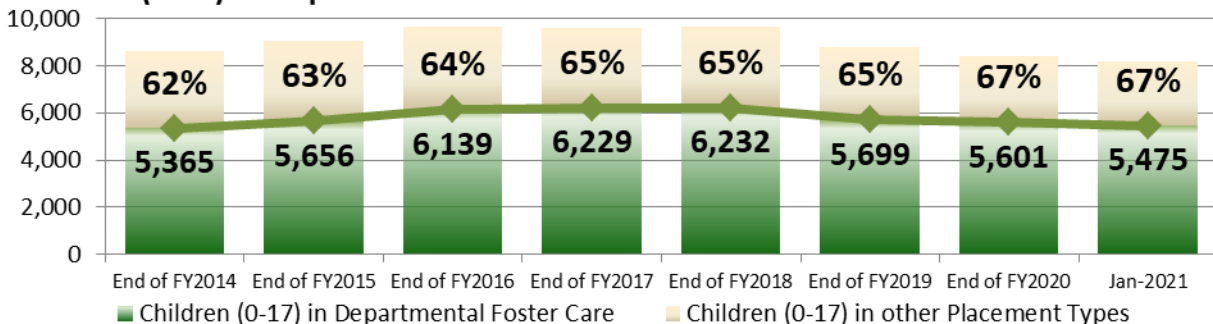


Children in DCF Placement

Departmental FC: Non-Kinship and Kin/Child Specific

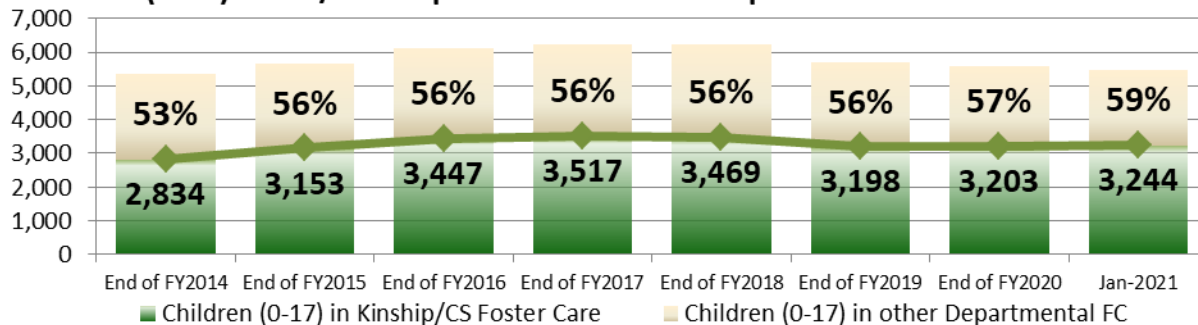


Children (0-17) in Departmental FC as a % of All Placements



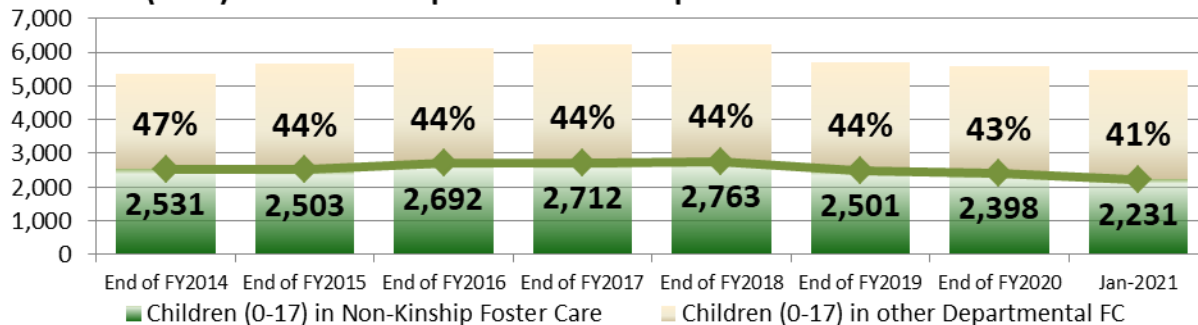
- As of 1/31/2021, there were 5,475 children placed in a family setting (i.e., Departmental Foster Care).
- While the overall number of children in DCF placement has decreased, the proportion placed in Departmental Foster Care (DFC) has increased to 67%.

Children (0-17) in Kin/Child Specific FC as a % of Departmental FC



- As of 1/31/2021, there were 3,244 children placed in a Kinship/Child Specific DFC family setting.
- Recognizing that children/youth experience fewer placement disruptions and achieve greater well-being when placed with kin, the Department has increased the proportion of children placed with kin to 59% of all DFC.

Children (0-17) in Non-Kinship FC as a % of Departmental FC



- As of 1/31/2021, there were 2,231 children placed in a Non-Kinship DFC family setting.
- As a proportion of children placed in DFC, 41% are living in a non-kin family setting.

Note: Recent monthly counts are not final.

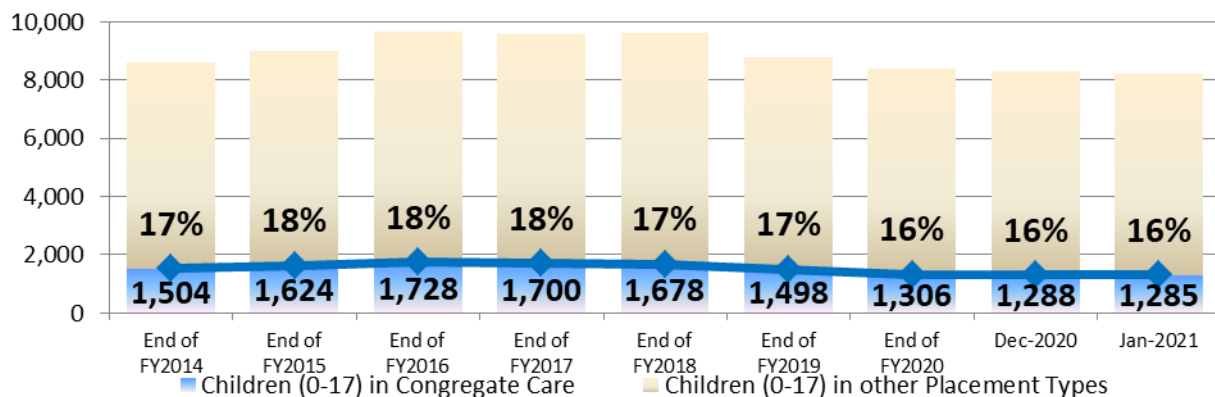


Children in DCF Placement

Congregate Care and Comprehensive Foster Care

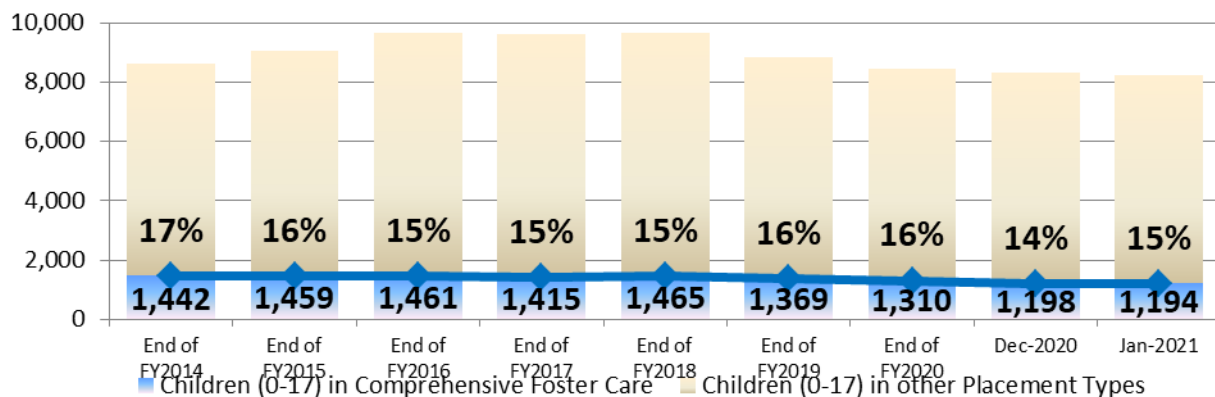


Children (0-17) in Congregate Care as a % of All Placements



- As of 1/31/2021, there were 1,285 children placed in Congregate Care.
- Congregate Care represents 16% of all placement utilization.

Children (0-17) in Comprehensive FC as a % of All Placements



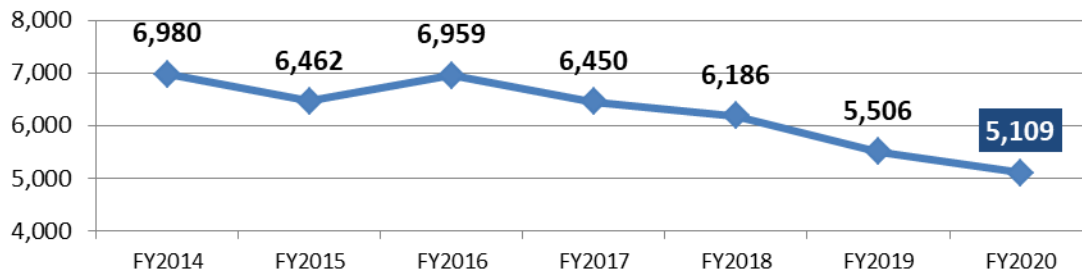
- As of 1/31/2021, there were 1,194 children placed in Comprehensive Foster Care.
- Comprehensive Foster Care now represents 15% of all placement utilization.

- *These contracted, intensive foster care services are generally provided for children/youth for whom a traditional foster care environment is not suitable or sufficiently supportive.*



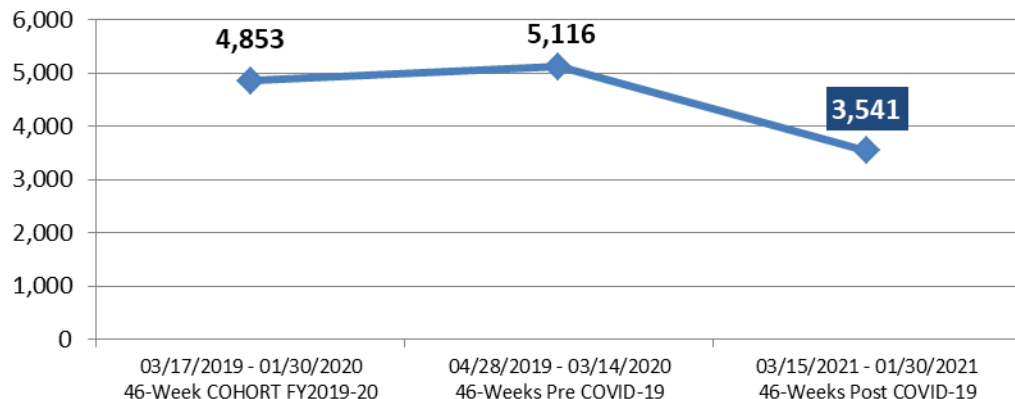
Home Removal Episodes

Home Removal Episodes (HREs)



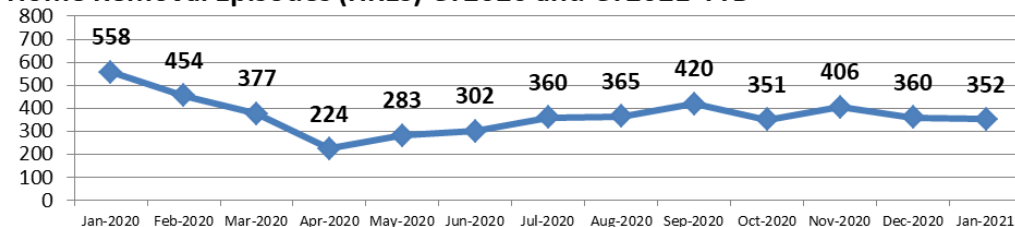
- Home Removal Episodes (HREs) decreased by 27% (-1,871) between FY14 & FY20.

Home Removal Episodes (HREs): Pre vs. Post COVID-19



- The impact of COVID-19 on HREs is evident when comparing year-over-year HRE counts for comparable 46-week periods.
- Accounting for seasonal variation, HREs are down 27% (-1,312) compared to an equivalent 46-week period year-over-year.
- HREs are down 31% (-1,575) compared to the 46-week period immediately preceding the COVID-19 cohort.

Home Removal Episodes (HREs) CY2020 and CY2021-YTD



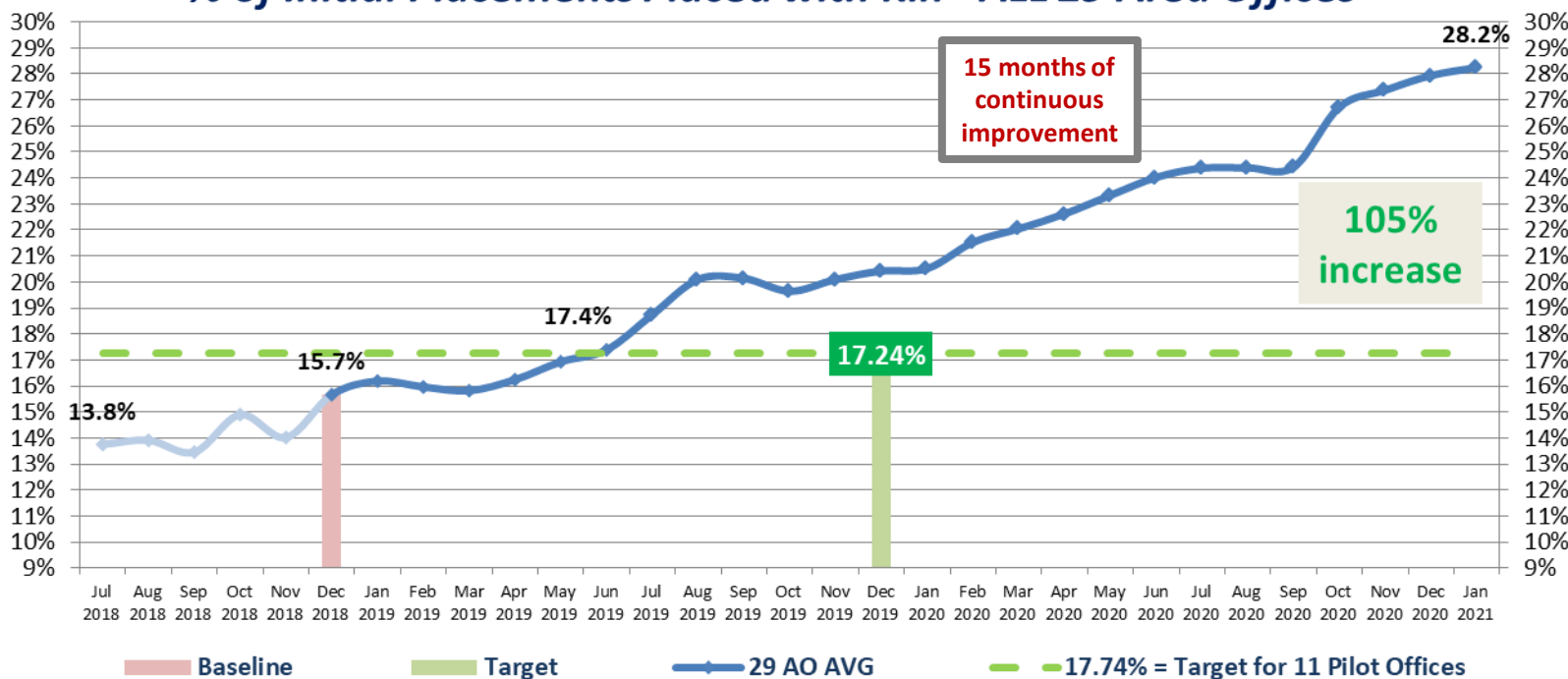
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Initial Placement with Kin Kin-First



% of Initial Placements Placed with Kin - ALL 29 Area Offices



- Extending the Kin-First metric across all 29 area offices, a 105% increase in kin as the initial placement was evidenced from Jul-2018 to Jan-2021.
- While no statewide target was established, at 28.2% the Jan-2021 statewide performance continues to exceed the 17.24% target established for the 11 Pilot Offices.
- Kin placements account for 41% of ALL out-of-home placements; and 60% of all Departmental Foster Care placements.

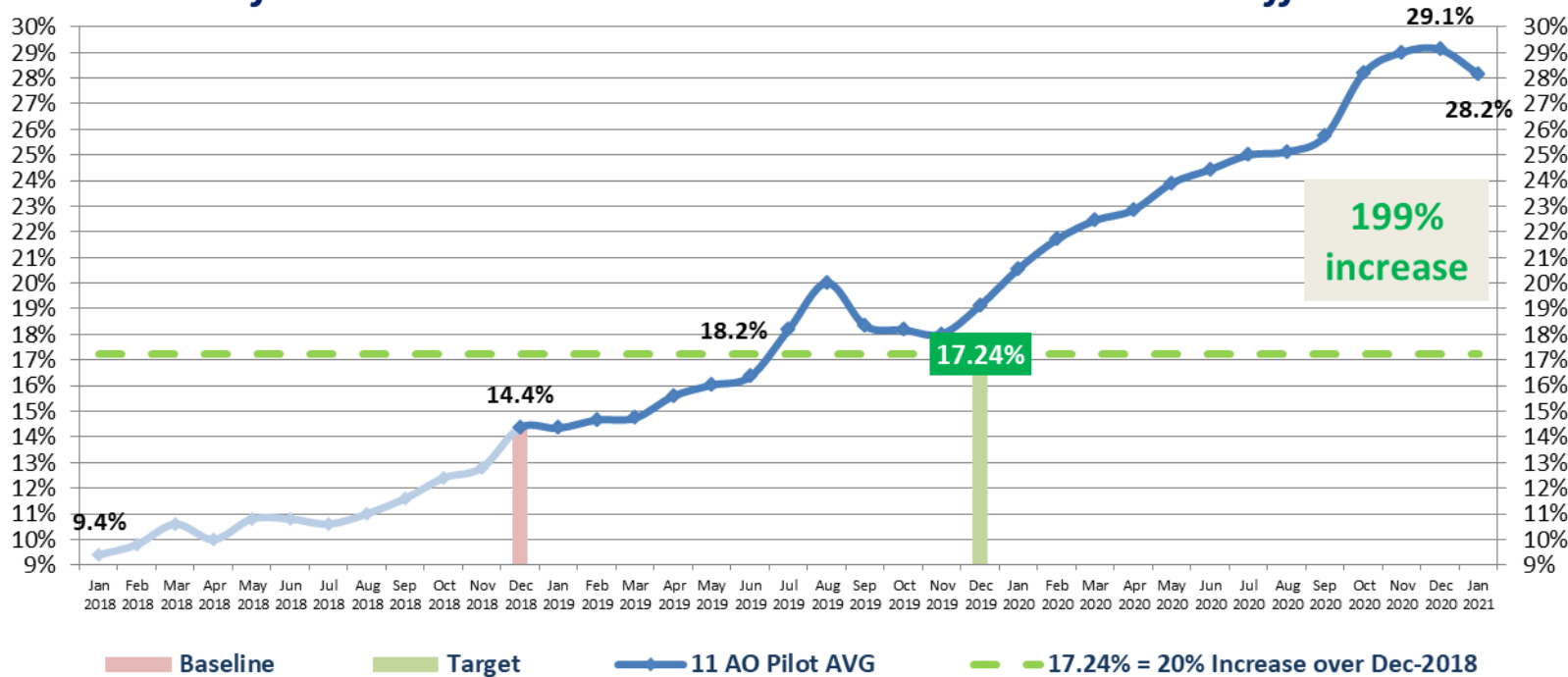


Initial Placement with Kin

Kin-First Pilot



% of Initial Placements Placed with Kin - 11 Pilot Area Offices





Case Closing Trend Pre vs Post COVID-19 Accounting for Seasonality



CASE CLOSING TREND

Pre vs Post COVID-19

(50 week intervals)

